Telephone facility in the Villages of Mainpuri

†3830. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone facility has been provided in all the villages of Mainpuri district during the last two years;

(b) the number of villages where the work relating to laying of telephone lines and providing telephone connections was planned to be completed during the year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(c) whether the telephone connections have been provided as per the plan; if so, the details of the villages provided with telephone connections alongwith the villages where the connections arc yet to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) 98 and 175 Village Public Telephones were planned and provided during the year 1999-2000 and 2000-01 respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir. 1120 villages out of 1380 have been provided with telephone facilities as on 31.3.2002. The remaining 260 villages are planned to be provided with telephone connections by June, 2002.

Poor Services of 197 and 198 in Mainpuri

†3831. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government arc aware of the fact that services with regard to 197 and 198 in Mainpuri Telephone Exchange are in a

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